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No reliable information regarding the prevalence of plague in Canton was obtainable during the week.

Respectfully,

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*Abstract of mortality statistics at Hongkong during March, 1901.*

	Population.				Population.		
	British and foreign.	Chinese land.	Chinese harbor.		British and foreign.	Chinese land.	Chinese harbor.
Specific diseases—				Nervous system—			
Smallpox.....	3	23	0	Trismus.....	0	38	0
Fever, enteric.....	0	0	1	Mania.....	0	1	0
Cholera.....	0	3	0	Circulatory system—			
Diarrhea.....	0	19	2	Heart disease.....	2	6	2
Dysentery.....	3	0	0	Aneurysm.....	0	1	0
Plague.....	0	46	2	Endocarditis.....	1	0	0
Malarial fever.....	3	27	4	Respirat'y system—			
Beriberi.....	0	13	1	Pulmonary embolism.....	1	0	0
Septic—				Bronchitis.....	1	18	6
Pyemia.....	0	1	0	Pneumonia.....	1	12	1
Septicæmia.....	0	4	0	Phthisis.....	3	50	8
Puerperal fever.....	0	1	0	Pleurisy.....	0	1	0
Venereal, syphilis.....	0	6	0	Empyema.....	0	2	0
Parasites, worms.....	0	1	0	Hæmoptysis.....	0	0	1
Opium.....	0	1	0	Gangrene of lung.....	0	1	0
Alcohol.....	1	0	0	Digestive system—			
Effects of injuries.....	6	10	3	Cancerum oris.....	0	1	0
Developmental—				Enteritis.....	0	0	1
Immaturity at birth.....	0	3	0	Cirrhosis of liver.....	0	1	0
Debility and old age.....	2	21	11	Appendicitis.....	0	1	0
Marasmus.....	0	12	0	Urinary system—			
Inanition.....	0	1	0	Nephritis (acute).....	0	1	0
Miscellaneous—				Bright's disease.....	1	9	0
Cancer of uterus.....	0	1	0	Uremia.....	1	0	0
Cancer of stomach.....	0	1	0	Miscellaneous—			
General tuberculosis.....	0	2	0	Post-partum hemorrhage.....	0	1	0
Anæmia.....	1	1	0	Childbirth.....	0	1	0
Nervous system—				Carbuncle.....	0	0	1
Meningitis.....	0	1	0	Abcess, alveolar.....	0	1	0
Apoplexy.....	1	3	0	Undiagnosed.....	0	1	2
Paralysis.....	0	1	1				
Infantile convulsions.....	0	22	1				
Tetanus.....	1	1	1				
				Total.....	32	372	49

British and foreign population, 9,324; death rate, 24.4 per 1,000. Chinese land population, 235,240; death rate, 18.0 per 1,000. Chinese harbor population, 38,790; death rate, 15.9 per 1,000.

*Plague increasing in Canton.*

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Cablegram.]

CANTON, CHINA, May 22, 1901.

Plague increasing in Canton. Almost 100 deaths daily.

McWADE,  
United States Consul.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.